

HOUSE No. 1242

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the establishment of a student bill of rights in the state and community college systems. Higher Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Donald F. Humason, Jr.
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 15A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2002
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding, after section 7, the
3 following section:—

4 Section 7A. With regards to the overall system of public higher
5 education, and each of the three segments of the system, as
6 defined by (i) the university segment, (ii) the state college seg-
7 ment, and (iii) the community college segment, the council shall
8 establish a commission comprised of members of the board and
9 one appointed member from the board of trustees of each public
10 higher education institution that shall develop a standard student
11 bill of rights for all public higher education institutions. In addi-
12 tion, a student advisory council comprised of a representative of
13 the student body from each public institution shall be established
14 to give advice and recommendations to the commission. The
15 president of each campus shall appoint a student representative to
16 advise the commission.

17 The student bill of rights shall include but is not limited to out-
18 lining the rights of all public college and university students, and
19 shall be reviewed by the commission every two years. The com-
20 mission shall have the right to amend the bill of rights as deemed
21 necessary after each review, and shall set up guidelines, rules, reg-
22 ulations and deadlines in order to affectively achieve this goal.
23 The student bill of rights shall be made accessible to the student
24 body of each public higher education institution by means of the
25 internet, student hand books or both.
26 The board of higher education shall be required to post the stu-
27 dent bill of rights on the board of higher education website.